



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/007,869	11/08/2001	Stewart Paton Granger	J6666(C)	6511

201 7590 12/17/2009
UNILEVER PATENT GROUP
800 SYLVAN AVENUE
AG West S. Wing
ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632-3100

EXAMINER

CARTER, KENDRA D

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

1627

NOTIFICATION DATE	DELIVERY MODE
-------------------	---------------

12/17/2009

ELECTRONIC

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

patentgroupus@unilever.com

Art Unit: 1627

The proposed amendments will not be entered because they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal, and they raise new matter issues. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because of the reasons below. Thus, all rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12 and 14-24 are upheld. The Applicants have repeated arguments from previous rejection found on pages 20 and 23. The Examiner upholds the arguments found on pages 20-24 of the previous office action.

In regards to the new matter issues, the new claims specify a specific range which is not supported in the specification.

/SREENI PADMANABHAN/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1627